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**PETITION FOR REVIVAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR PATENT ABANDONED UNAVOIDABLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.137(a)**

Docket Number (Optional)

First Named Inventor: **Serge Savard** Art Unit: **3671**  
Application Number: **09/988,475** Examiner: **Kovacs, Arpad F.**  
Filed: **11/20/2001**  
Title: **MANEUVERABLE AND ADJUSTABLE LAWN MOWER HAVING AN EDGING-TRIMMING UNIT**  
Attention: Office of Petitions  
Mail Stop Petition  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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**APPLICANT HEREBY PETITIONS FOR REVIVAL OF THIS APPLICATION.**

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- (1) Petition fee.
- (2) Reply and/or issue fee.
- (3) Terminal disclaimer with disclaimer fee-required for all utility and plant applications filed before June 8, 1995, and for all design applications; and
- (4) Adequate showing of the cause of unavoidable delay.

1. Petition fee **55**  
☒ Small entity - fee \$ **55** (37 CFR 1.17(i)). Applicant claims small entity status.  
See 37 CFR 1.27.  
☐ Other than small entity - fee \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (37 CFR 1.17(i)).

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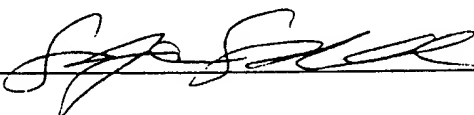
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- ☒ Since this utility/plant application was filed on or after June 8, 1995, no terminal disclaimer is required.
- ☐ A terminal disclaimer (and disclaimer fee (37 CFR 1.20(d)) of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for a small entity or \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for other than a small entity) disclaiming the required period of time is enclosed herewith (see PTO/SB/63).

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☒ Reply

☐ Terminal Disclaimer Form

☒ Additional sheets containing statements establishing unavoidable delay

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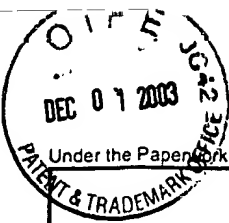
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NOTE: The following showing of the cause of unavoidable delay must be signed by all applicants or by any other party who is presenting statements concerning the cause of delay.

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(In the space provided below, please explain in detail the reasons for the delay in filing a proper reply.)

A reply to the Office Action sent by Examiner Kovacs was filed by fax transmission on April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2003, well within the allowed time limit for reply, at that fax number : 703 872-9302 (8 pages). We then received a confirmation of successful transmission from the fax machine.

Asssuming that the filing had been done in due time, we took no further action.

Apparently, the USPTO never received our fax transmission. Some time later, we were informed by Examiner Kovacs that the application would be abandoned for failure to reply to the OA within the applicable time limits. We sent records of our fax transmission from the log book of transmission along with a signed certificate of transmission and a resend of our original Office Action reply on August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2003 at that fax number : 703 872-9326. This transmission was received but apparently, these were not valid proofs. So the application was officially abandoned.

Since we made every effort on our part to keep our application alive, we claim that the abandonment was unavoidable and therefore petition for its revival.

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